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SUBJECT: CODEL WOLFF

REF: STATE 296591

1. POLITICAL COUNSELOR SPOKE TO MINISTER COUNSELOR FEDOSEYEV, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, USA DIVISION, MFA, MORNING DECEMBER 17 AND POINTED OUT TO FEDOSEYEV, AS PER REFTEL, THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT WE HAVE FINAL SOVIET ANSWER BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS.

2. SOVIETS, HOWEVER, DID NOT RESPOND DECEMBER 17  
POLITICAL COUNSELOR SPOKE TO FEDOSEYEV AT OPENING OF BUSINESS DECEMBER 18 TO ASK FOR STATUS REPORT.  
FEDOSEYEV SAID HE STILL COULD NOT GIVE FINAL ANSWER, AND EMPHASIZED THAT ANYTHING HE HAD TO SAY ON THIS MATTER WAS "UNOFFICIAL AND PRELIMINARY," WITH THAT CAVEAT IN MIND, HE ADDED THAT THINGS ARE "MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION" AND THAT HE WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE US FINAL RESPONSE "IN A COUPLE OF DAYS."

3. FEDOSEYEV SAID THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM REGARDING MEETINGS WITH SUPREME SOVIET, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE, AND OTHER SIMILAR BODIES. HOWEVER, HE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER TOP LEVEL MEETING WOULD BE POSSIBLE. IN ANY CASE, REFERRING TO REQUEST FOR MEETING WITH BREZHNEV,  
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FEDOSEYEV SAID "THE SECRETARY GENERAL IS DEFINITELY OUT."

4. IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION, FEDOSEYEV ALSO POINTED OUT THAT CODEL WOULD NOT HAVE SAME STATUS HERE THAN EITHER CODEL ALBERT OR HUMPHREY-SCOTT DELEGATIONS. LATTER TWO DELEGATIONS, HE SAID, WERE INVITED AS OFFICIAL GUESTS OF THE USSR AND THIS, OF COURSE, GAVE THEM DIFFERENT STANDING.

5. COMMENT: FROM WAY FEDOSEYEV SPOKE IT SEEMED CLEAR THAT SOVIETS WILL NOT BE PREPARED TO GIVE US "FINAL ANSWER" FOR SEVERAL DAYS. HOWEVER, IT ALSO SEEMED CLEAR THAT THEY ARE WORKING ON PROGRAM FOR CODEL AND THAT CURRENT PLANNING IS FOR CODEL TO BE RECEIVED BY SOVIET AUTHORITIES.  
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